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Things to look for when considering mitigation sites:

- Sites that will provide compensation for habitat fragmentation
 - Areas adjacent to existing wilderness areas (eg. along the McCormick Wilderness)
 - Sites that are not already fragmented
 - Sites that will not be isolated by development/logging (i.e. logged around the perimeter)
 - Sites in which whole wetland complexes will be protected/not fragmented.
- High quality resources important to the ecosystem
 - Headwater areas to the Dead or Yellowdog
 - Riparian Areas
 - Important wildlife habitat (eg. Hay Meadows Area, Mouth of the Huron)
 - Look at the Michigan Natural Features Inventory to find resources in areas that have not yet been logged (or have recovered from logging)
- Demonstrable threat: logging? Etc?
- Large sites (1-3 >100 acre sites for all wetland impacts)
- Ratios are based on functional replacement.
- There must be a management plan including a financial mechanism for protection.
- Land must be managed by a 3rd party land manager with experience.